New Farm Policy

1534. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to announce a new Farm policy to cover farmers all over the country to ensure that they receive a fair deal; and remunerative prices for their produce; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to announce that with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution has been placed on the Table of the House on 14th May, 1993.

Oil Palm Research Centre For Andhra Pradesh

1535. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh to locate oil palm research centre;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The Council on the recommendation of Site Selection Team has decided with the approval of President, ICAR to establish a National Research Centre on Oil Palm in Pedavegi Village of West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Deed format has been sent to the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for signing/ execution before ICAR take over the land to start research activities thereon.

Multi-State Cashew Project

1536. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh pending before the Central Government for clearance of multi-state cashew project with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The Multi-state Cashew Project was launched in 1980 for implementation in the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with credit closing date as September, 1985. The Project was extended twice upto 31st March, 1988 before termination. There is no proposal for the revival of the project.

Comprehensive Agricultural Development In Andhra Pradesh

1537. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact Andhra Pradesh was selected for taking up Comprehensive Agriculture Development Project for sustained development of agriculture on along term basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh is one of the States identified for taking up a World Bank assisted Comprehensive Agriculture Development Project (ADP). The comprehensive ADPs have been conceived as multi-sectional, multi-investment projects for development of agriculture on a long-term basis. After ADP formulation is completed in Assam and Madhya Pradesh, World Bank would take up new States from the pipeline which includes Andhra Pradesh.

Adverse Seasonal Conditions in Andhra Pradesh

1538. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any memorandum submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding adverse seasonal conditions;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a memorandum in May, 1993 seeking Central assistance of Rs. 645.44 crores for relief operations in the areas affected by drought in the sectors like irrigation, agriculture, horticulture, wasteland development; sericulture, handloom, rural roads, drinking water, fodder supply etc.

(c) A Central team visited the drought affected areas of Andhra Pradesh to assess the situation. In addition to the normal release of first quarterly instalment of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), Government of India has released two advance quarterly instalments amounting to Rs. 24.60 crores for relief operations.

Subsidy on Fertilizers to States

1539. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amount of subsidy provided to each State during 1992-93 to enable the farmers to purchase fertilizers at concessional rates;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the subsidy during the current year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are taken to ensure that the subsidy is properly utilised for the benefit of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A statement indicating funds released to States/Union Territories under the scheme for sale of decontrolled fertilizers with concession to farmers, during 1992-93 is attached. *(See below).*

(b) The scheme is being continued during 1993-94 with a provision of Rs. 756 crores which includes Rs. 356 crores for Kharif 1993 and Rs. 400 crores for Rabi 1993-94. A concession of Rs. 340/- per tonne has been extended to the sale of SSP also in addition to Rs. 1000/- tonne on MOP and indigenous DAP and between Rs. 435-999/- per tonne indigenous Complexes.

(c) The scheme is being implemented through the respective State Govts/Union Territory Admns. Detailed guidelines for implementation of the scheme during Kharif 1993 have been issued. In addition, meetings have been held with the States/Union Territories in different regions for effective implementation of the scheme. The Deptt. of Agri. & Coopn. is in constant touch with the States/Union Territories in this regard and the progress of implementation is being monitored regularly.

Statement

Statement indicating funds released to States/Union Territories for concessional sale of decontrolled fertilizers to the farmers during 1992-93

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Funds released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2668.00
2.	Karnataka	1753.00
3.	Kerala	984.00
4.	Tamilnadu	3432.00
5.	Pondicherry	55.00
6.	Andaman & Nicobar Is.	0.46
7.	Gujarat	1469.00
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1825.00
9.	Maharashtra	1682.00
10.	Rajasthan	1469.00
11.	Goa	9.00
12.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2.00
13.	Daman & Diu	0.40
14.	Haryana	2013.00
15.	Himachal Pradesh	35.00
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	101.00
17.	Punjab	4431.00
18.	Uttar Pradesh	6539.00
19.	Delhi	11.00
20.	Bihar	2172.00
21.	Orissa	436.00
22.	West Bengal	2807.00
23.	Assam	46.00
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.00
25.	Manipur	2.66
26.	Meghalaya	3.00